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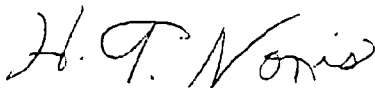
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to you today to express my support for the settlement agreement between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. After three years of litigation, the time has come to finally put this issue to rest. The settlement agreement that was reached is fair and should be quickly enacted.

The terms of the agreement indicate Microsoft's desire to resolve the antitrust dispute. Under the terms of the settlement, Microsoft will now disclose the protocols and internal interfaces of the Windows system. This will allow developers to create software that is increasingly compatible with the Windows system. Information sharing, then, should provide consumers with an increased choice in operable software. Clearly, Microsoft has agreed to disclose this information in an attempt to resolve the dispute.

Please enact the settlement at the end of January. Enough litigation has already gone through the courts. Thank you for your time regarding this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "H. T. Norris".

H. Norris